DATES TO REMEMBER

Month of April

• April 2-11 Spring Break
• April 14- Principal’s visit to Huda School in Regina

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Editor’s Note: Any mistakes are wholly mine.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatuallahi Wa Baraktuhu.

I hope you are happy and well. April is here and we have been in our new building for 3 months. We are grateful for the improvement in the learning Environment, and for the increased potential which is now available to everyone. We are endeavoring to produce this newsletter every month from now on to keep you better informed. Our Social Studies Fair was successful and Exciting; the March Report Card went home, and SPRING IS FINALLY HERE! You may have heard or seen the acronym: PWIM. This means Picture Word Identification Model and is an effective instructional strategy used in Saskatoon Schools to teach young children to read.

Saskatoon Misbah School is the only place where your child will be provided with quality education to achieve academic excellence, as well as the opportunity to learn about all the wonderful Islamic values and manners. With your constant help and support we anticipate a far greater success and a continuous growth in the future of our school.

Margaret Thomas and Mohamed Hajinoor

WORD FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Asselamu alaikum,

As they say, better late than never. We are pleased to issue this April 2010 edition of the Al-Misbah Newsletter. Many of you know that a lot of activity has been going on this academic year. Moving into our new location at the IAS was one of those major activities and now that we have more or less settled in, we are well underway into the second part of the academic year. We continue to witness the successes of our students and are proud of each and every one of them.

Through the direct support of the Saskatoon Public School Division, we are thrilled that the SMS has joined the SPSD computer network, along with a supply of desktops and netbooks. We anticipate that this setup will contribute to a better learning environment for both students and staff.

Looking ahead, the SMS Board is tackling the on-going issue of student growth and how best to accommodate more students. This will be a continuous challenge. As we write this, we already have 30 students on our waiting list!

We thank the parents & community for their continued support and look forward to the completion of another successful year insha'Allah.

-SMS Board
OUR MISSION

Saskatoon Misbah School shall be guided by the Quran and Sunnah according to the methods of the Sunnah and Jama’ah. The school shall, through the teaching of Islamic and academic courses, prepare students to:

- Succeed in this life and the hereafter.
- Exceed the goals and requirements of the Saskatchewan Education Standard Program of Study and he Provincial Educational Goals.

In order to achieve these goals Saskatoon Misbah School shall:

- Strive to achieve excellence in education while maintaining its status as a recognized independent/associate school
- Provide an Islamic learning environment in order to develop an Islamic personality and foster good will among students. SMS aims to provide high quality education to students. This education incorporates the values, attributes, and behavior of Islam. SMS will respond to the desire of the parents to provide their children with an education without the loss of their Islamic identity.

We follow the provincial curriculum as set out by Saskatchewan Education. In addition to the required areas of study, students also take part in Islamic, Arabic Language and Quran studies. Two of our students have completed the entire Holy Quran.

ON GOING PROGRAMS

Transportation
The school provides bus service to and from school for all students whose parents desire this service.

Tutoring
Cassandra Shangraw – Math tutoring. Wednesday after school till 5 p.m. Mrs. Thomas- L.A. tutoring Monday and Tuesday till 4:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Book Count
We have read 109 books on our own!

Health
A public health nurse visits the school on a regular basis providing immunization, routine screening for vision, hearing, dental, and health assessment

Sports/ Gym Classes
New Gym equipment has been ordered. Soccer will be starting soon and we hope to participate in tournaments.

News
This is a great opportunity for our students to develop and practice skills that will contribute to their athletic success in high school Insha’Allah.

Literacy For Life and PWIM
Primary teachers have been serviced and are using this instructional method in the classrooms.

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Haiti Fundraiser
All the students in the school raised funds for the people of Haiti to help during the earthquake crisis. The grade 4/5/6 class raised the most, and won a pizza party!!

Thank you to all students and parents who contributed to the cause!

The money will be channelled to Haiti through one of the reputable charities in Canada.

Reading Olympics
Our “Going for Gold” reading challenge was great success. In total our school read 25000 minutes; way to go. Congratulations go out to Ms. Shangraw’s 4/5/6 class. They were the class room winners, reading for more than 11000 minutes. Because of their efforts they will be rewarded a pizza party. The individual medal standings are as followed; Gold – Zainab

Basketball Competition
This year SMS played basketball against different schools in our zone. In round one four games were played and SMS won all the games. In round two where tournament was held in Walter Murray School also four games were played, SMS won all the four games. Congratulations to the coach Br. Ahmed Bwana, all team members, school and parents.

Well done SMS team, keep up the great work.
Silver – Aisha (grade 8)
Bronze – Daniel (grade 3)
Each of the individual medal winners were awarded a McNally Robinson gift certificate for their efforts.
Thanks to everyone who participated

Arin Turner

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<td>May this letter fine you in the remembrance of Allah and in the best physical condition. Alhamdolillah the school year is almost done and I thank Allah that we have done so much with preschool. Most of the students have memorized few Suras, Duas and some of Prophet’s (SAWS) names and hadiths. For now we are working on alphabet sounds, English and Arabic. Insha Allah, we hope to finish them by middle of May</td>
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<td>We have an exciting short month planned here in the Kindergarten room! We are starting off our busy month by moving forward in our PWIM cycle, and beginning the last part of it! We also have a very exciting fieldtrip planned on April 20th to the Meewasin Valley Centre, to learn all about solar and wind energy, and to make our very own windmill! When we get back we will continue adding and subtracting in math class, mastering our sight words, and begin an exciting new unit on weather!</td>
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<td><strong>GRADE ONE</strong></td>
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<td>Hello everyone, Hasn’t this spring been full of surprises? One day we have beautiful weather, the next we are in the middle of the blizzard. Only in Saskatchewan! The grade 1 little children have been busy this year. They are all reading, which is just wonderful. This will help them when they go to grade 2 next year. In math the kids are adding two digit numbers already, they seem to really love math which again I find great!! They are able to write sentences, and we have started to construct paragraphs. Come June I hope to be able to spend the month having fun out in the sun, as a reward for all their hard work. Please if you see any of my grade ones, tell them you heard what a wonderful job they are doing nd give them a pat on the back. Way to go grade ones!</td>
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**GRADE TWO**
We are learning about the ocean habitat and animals living in the ocean. Last week we wrote poems about ocean animals. We have also started writing “pourquoi tales” about various animals living in the ocean and will continue finishing these stories. We have also been using Picture Word Induction Model (PWIM) which will help increase our spelling and recognition of vocabulary related to the ocean. We also learned about the rainforest and the importance of saving the rainforest.

In math, we are learning to measure with non standard units such as toothpicks and straws and we will be measuring the distance around objects as well as mass.

Charlene Kenny

**GRADE THREE**
Exciting things have been happening in our school. Last month we had our second annual Public Speaking Contest for Grades 4-6. The Social Fair was a busy time. Grade 3 is studying about the Solar System, and will shortly begin preparing for their public speaking contest.

Our days are full of laughing and learning making them fly by in rapid succession. Spring is coming and we will be able to plant trees and flowers. A field trip to a greenhouse is planned.

Mrs. Thomas

**GRADE FOUR/FIVE/SIX**
Math help will be having some positive changes. Week one will be dedicated for grades 7/8 and week two will be for grades 4/5/6. This will still take place from 3.45 – 5.00 pm on Wednesdays. Grade 3’s will have their help sessions at lunch time on Tuesdays. Students will get a request to attend math help Monday or Tuesday in their agenda, no other students will be allowed to stay unless discussed with Ms. Shangraw prior to Wednesday.

Thank you for your cooperation; I look forward to our new small group math help sessions.

Miss Cassandra

**GRADE 7/8**
Hello,
We are enjoying our new location which we hope will improve the quality of the student’s educational experience.

The Social Studies Fair was held on March 22 and we appreciate the effort of our students. The winners in Grades 5-8, 1st and 2nd Place Winners go to the Regional Historical Fair in May. – Mr. Reimar

**ARABIC LANGUAGE**
Alhamdulillah, our methods of teaching Arabic this year have reflected significant improvements in our students. Our mission is to enhance students’ understanding and enjoyment of the Quran’s language. We have been working hard to achieve this by focusing on reading, spelling, grammar, translation and writing in this term. We have had various activities including the first annual Arabic Spelling/Translation Bee held recently in March. Alhamdulillah, the majority of students performed very well. In addition, a Reading Program has begun this month. We believe that these activities will foster positive learning for all students.

Abeer Younis

**HOW TO SUCCEED**

1. Listen carefully
2. Show respect
3. Be honest
4. Share  
5. Make a plan every day
6. Don’t leave things to the last minute
### SOCIAL FAIR WINNERS

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Field trip to Regina for Grades 7 and 8 to visit Government buildings and to play Basketball against Huda School Proposed date is May 6.

Because of Teachers’ P.D day, there would be no school for students on Friday, April 30, 2010

Many thanks to all the parents who volunteered to bring snacks for teachers on the parent-teacher interview days and all those who assisted SMS during Social and Science fairs.